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1. Harbors:

- a. See attached sketch for details on the harbor of San Giovanni di Medua.
- b. The harbors of Vlone and Durres are the only ports in Albania adequate for steamships. Both of them were supplied in November 1948 with a gasoline-powered crane of Soviet manufacture for the unloading of cargoes.
- c. The harbors of Himare, Sarande, and Butrint are used only by caiques and other small vessels.

2. Airdromes:

- a. There are airdromes at Tirana, Korce, and Gjinokaster. [redacted] an airdrome was being laid out near Sarande. The airdrome at Tirana, however, is the only one now in use; the Gjinokaster airdrome is not in use, although it had reportedly been constructed in 1946 with a runway 600-800 meters in length.
- b. The airdrome in Tirana is used by Soviet and satellite airplanes, both passenger and freight.
- c. The existence of fighter aircraft in Albania has not been ascertained.

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### 3. Foreign Troops in Albania:

- a. There is an unconfirmed report that in May 1949 100 Germans arrived in the Elbasan area, and were to be used as instructors for the Communist Greek guerrillas.
- b. Over a period of time 2,500-3,000 Soviet military personnel and civilians have reportedly arrived in Albania.

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4. Yugoslav Activities:

Besides the known bands active in northern Albania, [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM  
[REDACTED] the Yugoslavs have recruited three military "classes" of Albanians  
from the Kossofopedio (Kosovo?) region in addition to those already  
serving. These are intended for action within Albania in due time, and  
will be led by Albanian political refugees. 50X1-HUM

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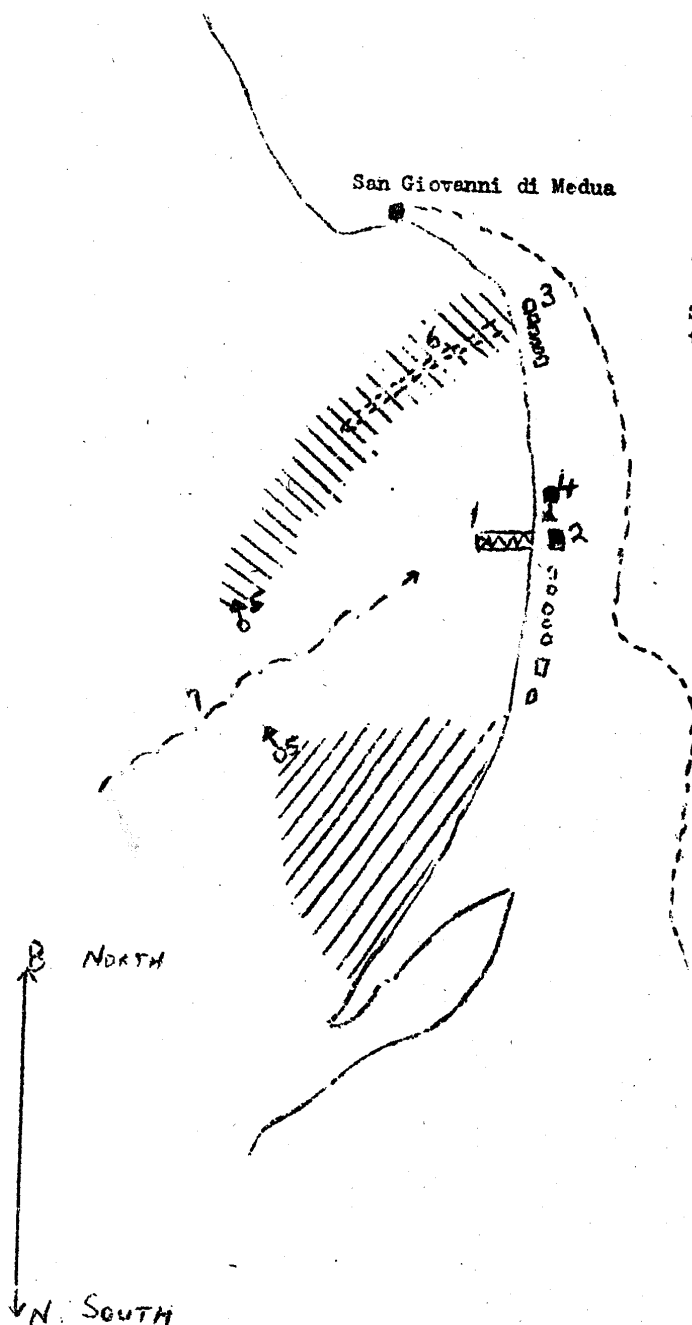
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1. Wooden pier
2. Customs House
3. Barracks for 200 men
4. Electric power station
5. Crude buoys
6. Destroyed breakwater
7. Channel

Shading indicates shoals  
 to one-half meter.



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